Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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1530 N. Oak St.
Palatine, Il.

On Monday, April 23, 2007 at 11:32 a.m. the Palatine Fire Department responded to multiple calls of a house fire at 1530 N. Oak St. The first units arrived on the scene at 11:35 a.m. and found heavy smoke coming from the front of the house. The rear deck was fully involved with fire and the fire had extended into the attic space of the house. Crews quickly assured that the home's single resident was not home. They then attacked the fire using two 2 ½" hoselines, one 2" hoseline and one 1 ¾ hoseline. Another crew simultaneously opened a vertical ventilation hole in the roof to ease the heavy heat and smoke conditions faced by the interior fire attack crews. The fire was under control in just over 30 minutes. There were no injuries at this fire.

A total of 26 firefighters manning four engines, two ladder trucks, and three ambulances and a squad truck were on the scene, along with 6 command officers and 4 fire investigators. Long Grove and Palatine Rural Fire Departments each supplied an engine crew as part of a mutual aid response agreement. Palatine Police officers on the scene assisted with traffic and scene control. Damage was preliminarily estimated at $350,000, due to the heavy structural and content damage. The fire appears to be accidental, and remains under investigation by Palatine Fire Department investigators.

The severity of the damage caused by this fire can be attributed to no one being home at the time of the fire, the fire burning for a significant time before being detected by a passerby and the heavy wind conditions contributing to rapid flame spread. If you have any questions, please call the Palatine Fire Department Public Education Division at (847) 202-6302.

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